

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, a famous freebooter infested the Isle of Sheppey, in the county of Kent, and made frequent incursions into the interior of the country. A nobleman by birth, and probably under the sentence of outlawry, he entertained a great love for his stronghold, where he deposited all the contributions which his successful levies on the traveler's purse had obtained. By adopting the costume of a tattered ruse of shoeing his horse's feet the wrong way, he frequently escaped detection; and even when pursued by the fleetness and sagacity of the noble animal he rode, preserved him from his enemies, and carried him to a place of security.

Thus the horse nearly rivaled the fame of his rider, whose exploits became so frequent and daring, that the whole country rose up to drive him, offering such large rewards for his apprehension, that at length he found himself so closely beset on all sides, that he was less of extraction or relief, he was compelled to surrender at discretion, and to improve the mercy which was offered him, then on a visit on board the admiral's ship at the Nore.

The Queen, not disinclined to show favor to a man whose personal valor determined perseverance, and fertility of resource, were qualities highly estimated in those times, and whose adventures, offered to grant him life upon terms in keeping with the wild tenor of his lawless career. These conditions were that he should swim on the back of a three times round the ship which the admiral commanded, and should escape the perils incident to such a trial, his sentence of outlawry should be reversed, and a general pardon extended to all his offenses.

Curiously to see the fate of this celebrated horse, and a calculation of the chances which, in all probability, would attend his undertaking, the admiral gave the Knight of Sheppey a less ignominious death, probably induced the virgin to make the attempt, and the Knight, armed at all points, the intrepid knight mounted his horse with a courage which was not to be surpassed, whose spirit he invigorated with a course draught of brandy. Plunging at once into the foaming tide, the sleek and horseman swam gallantly, and the designated ship, the second extraordinary evolution was performed with equal bravery and resolution. But the third time the horse and rider could be seen tottering with the weltering waves, which seemed to threaten their mutual annihilation. Straining every nerve and sinew to the utmost, the gallant knight strove to struggle with the restless waves until the last painful plunge was completed, and his weary horse rested on the solid shore.

The place of landing was wild and desolate; a lofty cliff overlooking the narrow beach, and the Knight, with his horse, was the only human habitation. The moment the exhausted courier gained a firm footing on his parent earth, he cast a look at the grim and tangled cliffs and tattered waves streaming in the wind, and the hideous deformity of the sea, and the Knight, with a shivering attitude, and, raising the shriveled finger with which she had traced unaltered spells upon the rocks, he uttered an ill-omened prophecy: "Beware of the horse!" shrieked the belated knight. "Although he has saved your life, he shall be the cause of your death."

"Thou fliest, fiend of mischief!" cried the Knight of Sheppey, and, with a sigh, he turned to the sea. "That is thy dark prediction." Actuated by superstitious fears, the natural ferocity of his temper, and the sentiment of gratitude and affection. Hastily dismounting, he plunged his sword into the heart of the panting animal.

Restored to the favor of his sovereign and permitted the quiet enjoyment of the ill-omened weapon, the Knight of Sheppey lived for several years in uninterrupted prosperity.

One morning, anxious to show a friend the scene of his most wonderful adventure, he descended to the beach; the skeleton of the slaughtered horse, crushed by the waves, lay on the sand, still lay extended on the sand. Repeating the prophecy of the which he spurned the horse's head and neck, he turned to the sea. At first he did not perceive that in the small sharp bone had passed his eye. The wound was inconspicuous and disregarded, but becoming more serious, it ended in a mortification which speedily carried him to his grave.

His remains were deposited in the vault of his family, and a monument was raised in commemoration of the times attempted to delude his history. It is still to be seen in the church of St. Andrew, and, clad in armor, his extended on the tomb, and at his feet is deposited the head of a horse, which is the blackstock on the church-steeple is likewise formed of a horse's head, which renders it prominent and conspicuous, though no one exaggeration into the marvelous has any foundation.

How to Avoid a Bad Husband.

1. Never marry for wealth. A woman's life consists not in the things she possesses.

2. Never marry a boy, who struts about, dandy-like, in his gloves and boots, with a silver watch chain, and rings on his fingers. Beware! there is a trap.

3. Never marry a niggardly, close-fisted, mean, sordid wretch, who saves every penny, or spends it grudgingly. Take care, lest he sting you to death.

4. Never marry a stranger, whose character is not known or tested. Some females jump into the fire with their eyes wide open.

5. Never marry a mope or a drone, who draws and drags through life, one foot after another, and lets things take their own course.

6. Never marry a man who treats his mother or sister indifferently or indelicately. Such treatment is a sure indication of a mean and wicked man.

7. Never, on any account, marry a gambler, a professional gambler, or a man in the least speck of light of God or religion. Such a man can never make a good husband.

8. Never marry a sloven, a man who is negligent of his person or his dress, and is filthy in his habits. The external appearance is a description of the heart.

9. Never, for a sake, as a snipe, viper, and very venom.

10. Finally, never marry a man who is addicted to the use of ardent spirits. Depend upon it, you are better off alone than you would be if you married a man who is given up to alcohol.

Singular Discovery in Bay of Bengal.

Among the vessels lost in the memorable cyclone that swept over the Bay of Bengal in 1864, were the ship *Thunder* and the ship *Maryshire*. Search was professed to be made for the *Thunder*, and no trace of it was discovered, and it was taken for granted that both had gone down. The other vessel, the *Maryshire*, was driven for shelter into an out of the way creek, some four miles inland, and it was there that the *Maryshire*, and further in found a large steamer, with masts and funnels still standing, which was supposed to be the *Thunder*. The steamer had 2105,000 on board, which is doubtless very in her hull, and a rich crew of 1000 men, of course, called up as the fate of her crew and passengers. What that fate was may never be known, but it is conjectured that they could not have lived long, even if they survived the cyclone, as the place is situated in the extreme, and is a place of no importance. What is, perhaps, the strangest, is that these vessels have been lying here two years within a few miles of the mouth of the Hooghly.

Actual famine in the counties of Annapolis, Prince Edward and Nova Scotia.

Actual famine in the counties of Annapolis, Prince Edward and Nova Scotia, and the large cities of the country are appealed to for aid.

By Alfred S. Horsley.

Poetry.

A DEAD LOVE.

It is dead,
Waiting here for its narrow bed;
For the forehead its child lay,
And again in its night,
Till it dies of its judgment day.

Lay it low,
Under the sod where the violets grow;
This pale clay that was once so dear;
What is worth now—lying there—
What is worth now—lying there—

Dumb and cold,
No soul speaks in the marble mold!
Yet, for the sake of what hath been,
And the love that was once so dear,
Speak no word of its pain or sin,
While it waits the dawn of a prayer,

Hanging me with its solemn eyes;
Till it comes when the night grows deep,
And the stars are shining in the sky,
It will tell me of its pain and joy,
And of the love that was once so dear.

No, no, no!
Soul of mine, it shall not be so;
Till the dawn of the morning,
Till the dawn of the morning,
Till the dawn of the morning,
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Living a dead in the morning,
I love to live in the morning;
To see the sun rise in the morning;
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